

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please enter the following amended claims:

2. (Amended) The particulate titanium oxide as claimed in claim 3, wherein the BET specific surface area represented by B is about 40 to about 200 m<sup>2</sup>/g.

3. (Amended) Particulate titanium oxide comprising a mixed crystal titanium oxide containing rutile crystal produced by a vapor phase process, wherein the titanium oxide has a property represented by the following general formula (1)

$$R \geq 1,300 \times B^{-0.95} \quad (1)$$

a<sup>2</sup> wherein R represents a rutile content (%) measured by an X-ray diffraction method and B represents a BET specific surface area (m<sup>2</sup>/g), which ranges from about 15 to about 200 m<sup>2</sup>/g, wherein the titanium oxide has a 90% cumulative weight particle size distribution diameter D90 measured by a laser diffraction-type particle size distribution measuring method of about 2.5 μm or less.

4. (Amended) The particulate titanium oxide as claimed in claim 3, wherein the titanium oxide has a distribution constant n according to Rosin-Rammler formula of about 1.5 or more.

a<sup>3</sup> 10. (Amended) A titanium oxide composition comprising particulate titanium oxide as claimed in claim 3.